

ORDINANCE NO. 273

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AND
PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1940, the President of the United States created a Council of National Defense and an Advisory Commission thereto for the purpose of assisting in the coordination of the various governmental, industrial, agricultural, economic, and other activities essential to preparing for the defense of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Commission have recommended that the National Defense Program and activities related thereto be carried on through regular governmental channels insofar as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Commission has officially requested the California Council of Defense to assist and to expedite the formation of local councils of defense; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi desires to assist in the program of Rational Defense by coordinating all of its public and private facilities, resources and activities with the program aforesaid;

NOW THEREFORE:

The City Council of the City of Lodi does ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Lodi Defense Council.

Section 2. The Defense Council shall be composed of the Mayor, who shall be ex officio chairman of the Council, the Chief of Police of Lodi, who shall be ex officio secretary of the Council, and such other local officials and citizens, not exceeding three in number, as may be appointed thereto by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The Mayor shall designate one of the

members of the Local Defense council as vice-chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of said council in the absence of the Mayor. The Secretary, subject to the Mayor's direction, shall be responsible for coordinating its activities, keeping its records, conducting its correspondence and performing such other duties as the said Council may from time to time require of him.

Section 3. The members of said Defense Council shall serve for a term of one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. A four-fifths vote of all the members of the City Council will be required to remove any member of said Defense Council from office prior to the expiration of his term or office. Vacancies on the Defense Council shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council.

Section 4. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Defense Council to coordinate the activities within the city of governmental and private agencies, and of individuals, cooperating in the defense effort; to stimulate public interest and participation in defense activities; to consider and recommend to appropriate governmental authorities plans for the public safety, health and welfare; to plan a major disaster program, capable of functioning in a defense emergency; and to perform such other advisory functions as may be requested of it by officials of the city, county, state, and Federal agencies engaged in the defense effort.

Said Council shall receive, acknowledge and appraise proffers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the community and make appropriate disposition of same; clear information concerning defense programs and objectives among cooperating agencies; recommend adjustments or arrangements necessary for prompt assimilation of government programs for defense to the appropriate officers, departments or agencies;

receive requests for assistance from the State Council of Defense and from Federal defense authorities and transmit these requests to the proper city authorities or agencies; accumulate or assist in the accumulation of information regarding local governmental, financial, economic, industrial and human facilities and resources and transmit any such facts, as well as other necessary information, to the State Council of Defense and to Federal defense authorities.

Every department, commission, officer, and employee of the City of Lodi shall cooperate with and assist the Defense Council so as to enable the Council to accomplish the objectives of this ordinance. The Defense Council shall cooperate with the County Council of Defense for the purpose of coordinating defense activities between the city and the county.

Section 5. There is hereby created as permanent committees of the Defense Council: (1) Committee on Civil Protection, which shall consider defense matters relating to the public safety, the protection of civil liberties and the maintenance of law and order, including the preparation of a disaster preparedness plan; (2) Committee on Human Resources and Skills, which shall assist in the registration of persons for defense work of all kinds, cooperate with governmental agencies in making plans for defense training of skilled workers and other persons engaged in defense work requiring special training, and analyze and report to the Defense Council on all proffers of assistance from private persons and organization; (3) Committee on Transportation, Housing, Works and Facilities, which shall consider provisions for defense housing, buildings and structures, works for water supply and transportation, highways, airports and other transportation facilities; (4) Committee on Public Information, which shall serve all committees of the Council as a medium through which to inform the public of defense activities, develop plans for the use of newspapers, radio,

and other means of public information, and attract and sustain citizen interest and participation in defense work.

The City Council by resolution shall create such other permanent and such temporary committees of the Defense Council as the City Council deems necessary, shall define their duties within the purpose of this ordinance and may abolish any such committee. The chairman of the permanent committees of the Defense Council shall be designated by the Defense Council Chairman from among the members of the Defense Council appointed as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance. Members of permanent committees other than the chairman and all members of temporary committees shall be appointed by the chairman of the Defense Council and need not be members of the Defense Council.

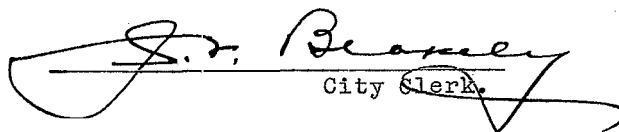
Section 6. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law. The following is a specific statement showing the urgency of this ordinance:

An emergency exists in the United States and in this State in providing adequate National and Local Defense. It is necessary that all information be gathered relating to National Defense and to provide for the proper cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies so that adequate Local Defense may be provided for at as early a date as possible.

Approved this 23rd day of July, 1941


Mayor.

ATTEST :


City Clerk.

State of California }
County of San Joaquin }
City of Lodi } SS

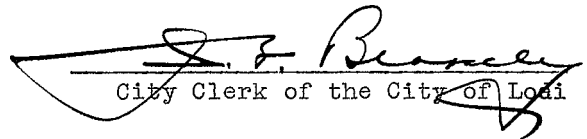
I, J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk of the City of Lodi and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 273 was introduced at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 16th day of July, 1941 and thereafter, and on the 23rd day of July, 1941, was finally passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, WEIHE, RIGGS, BULL AND STEELE (MAYOR)

NOES: Councilmen, None

ABSENT: Councilman, GRAFFIGNA.

I further certify that said ordinance was approved and signed by the Mayor of said City.


City Clerk of the City of Lodi

July 23, 1941